

Uniqueness and Significance of Weak Solution of Non-perturbative Renormalization Group Equation to Analyze Dynamical Chiral Symmetry Breaking *

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Abstract

We propose quite a new method of analyzing the dynamical chiral symmetry breaking in gauge theories. Starting with the non-perturbative renormalization group equation for the Wilsonian fermion potential, we define the weak solution of it in order to mathematically authorize solutions with singularity. The weak solution is obtained uniquely and it successfully predicts the physically correct vacuum, chiral condensates, dynamical mass, through its auto-convexizing power for the effective potential. Thus it works perfectly even for the first order phase transition in the finite density QCD.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Among various methods to analyze the dynamical chiral symmetry breaking, the non-perturbative renormalization group is quite effective since it may include non-ladder diagrams which cure the gauge invariance problem[6]. In the lowest order approximation, the Wilsonian effective action is expressed by a scale dependent fermion potential $V_W(x, t)$, where $x = \int d^4x \bar{\psi}(x)\psi(x)$ is an operator variable, $t = \log(\Lambda_0/\Lambda(t))$ is the renormalization scale. This potential keeps all information of the fermionic interactions, the free energy V_0 , the dynamical mass M_d , the 4-fermion interactions G *etc* as follows:

$$V_W(x, t) = V_0(t) + M_d(t)x + G(t)\frac{x^2}{2} + \dots \quad (1)$$

The renormalization group equation for G (in case $M = 0$) is written as

$$\frac{dG}{dt} = -2G + \frac{1}{2\pi^2}G^2, \quad (2)$$

which makes G diverge at a finite scale t_c for upper critical initial value. This blowup nature itself is a correct behavior since it expresses the divergence of the susceptibility due to the spontaneous chiral symmetry breakdown[1, 2]. However, due to this divergence we can not go beyond t_c , and there is no way to calculate infrared physical quantities such as the chiral condensate or the dynamical mass.

II. PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION AND ITS WEAK SOLUTION

Various methods have been used to bypass this singularity, e.g., the bare mass[4], auxiliary fields[1–3], *etc*. Here we propose a new direct method of solving the renormalization group equation as a partial differential equation (PDE)[7]:

$$\frac{\partial M(x, t)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f(M(x, t), t)}{\partial x} = 0, \quad M = \frac{\partial V_W}{\partial x}, \quad f(M, t) = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2}e^{-4t} \ln[1 + M^2 e^{2t}], \quad (3)$$

where $M(x, t)$ is called the mass function. The 4-fermion interaction G corresponds to $\frac{\partial M}{\partial x}$ at the origin, and its divergence at finite t_c means that the above PDE has no global classical solution beyond t_c .

The expected behavior of physically meaningful solution $M(x, t)$ is plotted in Fig. 1(d), where M has a jump at the origin after t_c . In order to accommodate such singular solution

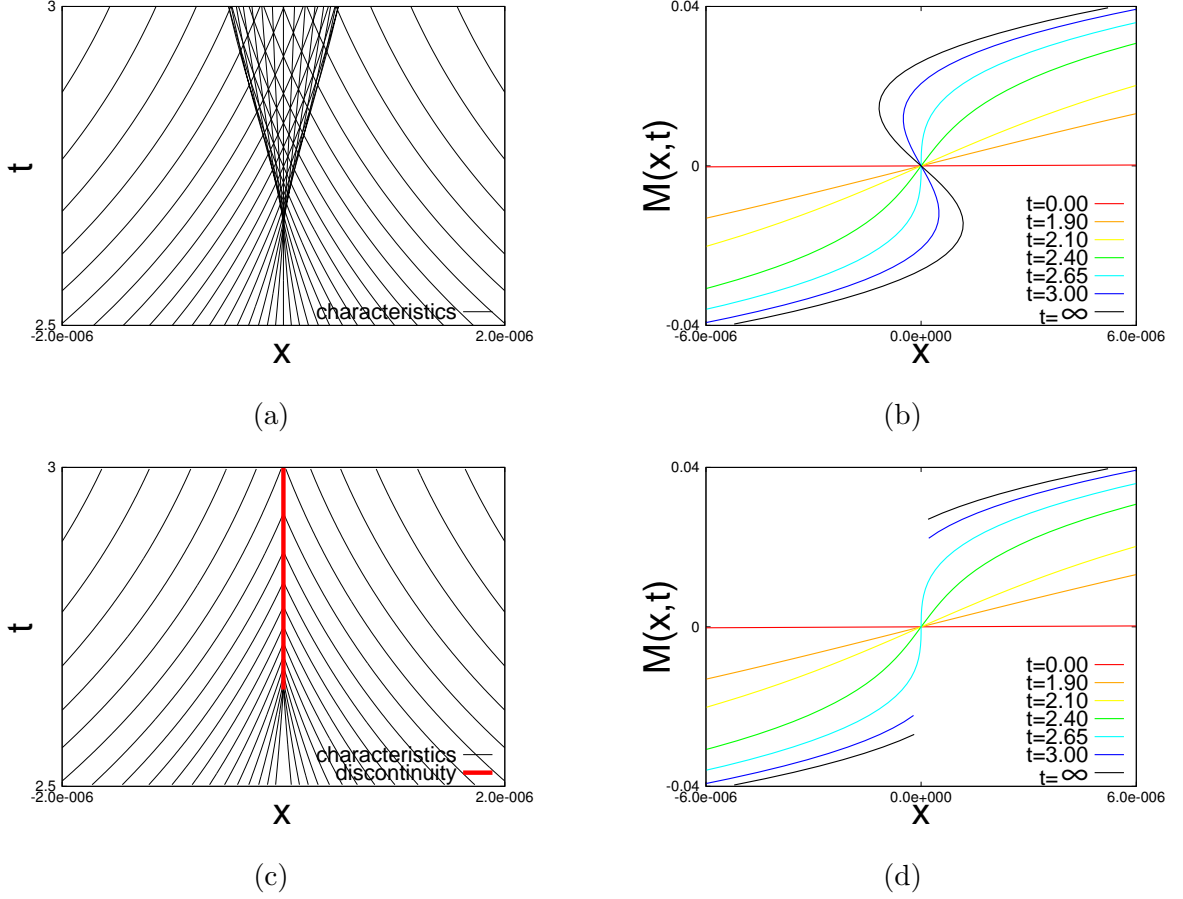


FIG. 1: NJL plot. (a) Characteristics. (b) Mass function. (c) Discontinuity. (d) Weak solution.

with discontinuity, we write down the weak version of the PDE[5, 7],

$$\int_0^\infty dt \int_{-\infty}^\infty dx \left[M \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} + f(M, t) \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \right] + \int_{-\infty}^\infty dx M(x, 0) \varphi(x, 0) = 0. \quad (4)$$

The weak solution¹ is defined as to satisfy the above equation for any smooth and bounded test function $\varphi(x, t)$. The weak solution satisfy original PDE except for discontinuity and position of discontinuity $x = S(t)$ is controlled by the Rankine-Hugoniot (RH) condition,

$$\frac{dS(t)}{dt} [M_+ - M_-] = f(M_+) - f(M_-), \quad (5)$$

where M_+, M_- are right and left limit at the discontinuity point respectively.

To obtain the weak solution, first we set up characteristic curves $x = X(t)$ representing

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the contour lines of M , which satisfies

$$\frac{dX(t)}{dt} = \frac{\partial f(M, t)}{\partial M}. \quad (6)$$

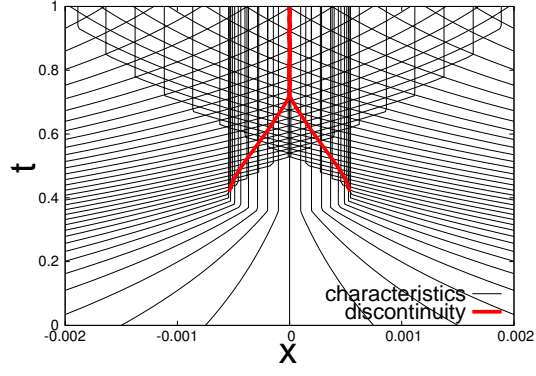
Where these curves are crossing each other, we must pick up one curve and introduce discontinuity according to the RH condition, and then we get the unique function $M(x, t)$. Fig. 1 shows the Nambu-Jona-Lassinio (NJL) model example ($g = 1.005g_c$) of these procedures. The contour lines are plotted in (a), where at some finite t_c they start crossing with each other. The cross section of the total contours is seen in (b), where the derivative $\frac{\partial M}{\partial x}$ diverges at the origin at some t_c .

Note that in obtaining $M(x, t)$ as in (b) there is nothing singular, and it is just a motion of ‘string’. However, to get the renormalized potential we have to define $M(x, t)$ as a unique function of x . Then the RH condition determines the discontinuity as shown in (c), and the mass function in (d). This is the weak solution of the PDE and it defines global t solution uniquely.

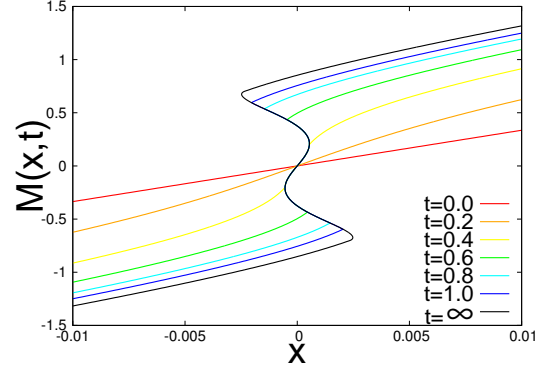
III. WEAK SOLUTION RESULTS FOR THE PHYSICAL QUANTITIES

We show results in the finite density NJL where the first order phase transition occurs. Contours and mass function are plotted in Fig. 2, where at the central region five-fold structure appears corresponding to the three-fold local minima. In the renormalization procedure, two discontinuities appear pairwise, move towards the origin, and finally merge into one at the origin as shown in Fig. 2(a).

Snapshots in the course of renormalization are shown in Fig. 3, where the mass function $M(t, x)$, the Wilsonian fermion potential V_W and the Legendre effective potential for σ are plotted. It is astonishing that our method of weak solution uniquely determines their singularity structures and the resultant Legendre effective potential is always convexized. This means the dynamical mass and the chiral condensates are uniquely calculated, and perfectly correct in the sense that even in case there are multi local minima, the lowest free energy minimum is always chosen automatically. This feature is quite a new finding and shows powerfulness of the purely fermionic non-perturbative renormalization group and its weak solution[7]. This analysis has been applied to QCD, even with finite density or non-ladder, and proved to work perfectly to give physical quantities without any ambiguity[6].



(a)



(b)

FIG. 2: NJL $g = 1.7g_c$, $\mu = 0.7$. (a) Characteristics and jumps. (b) Evolution of mass function.

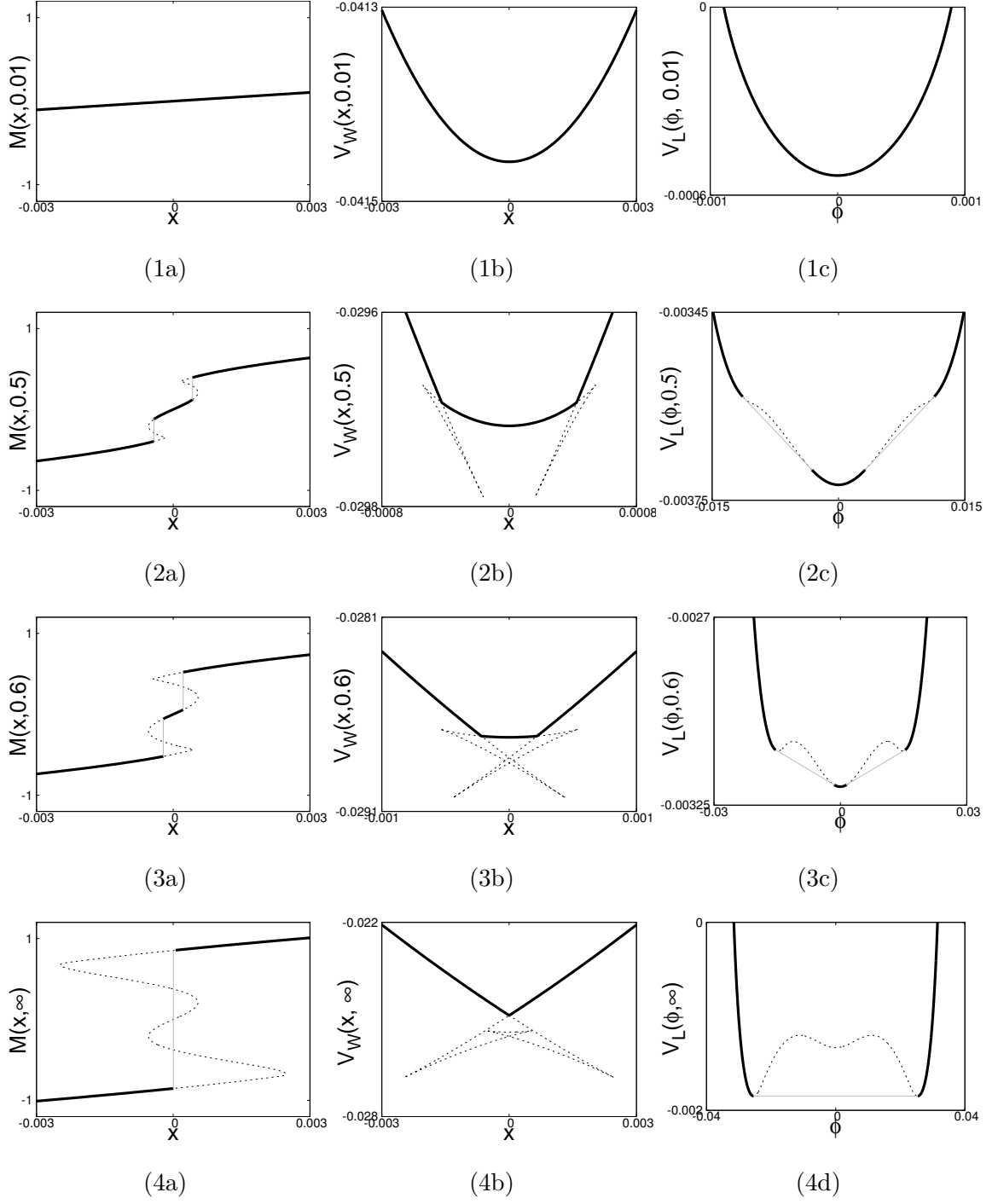


FIG. 3: Evolution of physical quantities by weak solution (NJL $g = 1.7g_c$, $\mu = 0.7$, $t = 0.01, 0.5, 0.6, \infty$). (a) Mass function. (b) Wilsonian fermion potential. (c) Legendre effective potential.

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